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letters

OREGON'S LETTING ITS GUARD DOWN

James Houston is right ("Defend Oregon's Southern Border," Letters 1/7). You know it's spring at the coast when the Florida license plates arrive: AZ, TX, CA, WA, ID, MT, Dakotas etc. They've been here since then. Other states required quarantine even though they didn't require masks. Not us. We're defenseless to hordes coming from high-infection areas. We've had scenes from those who've refused to wear masks.

And now we're in the worst of the pandemic.

Nyla Jebousek
Newport

THE WHOLE WORLD IS SMIRKING

If it had been Black Lives Matter or '60's-style flower children a thousand yards away from the Capitol on Wednesday, Jan. 6, hundreds of police and Homeland Security thugs would have been in place hours before the event, and the peaceful protesters sitting in the grass would have been almost instantly descended upon and gassed, rubber-bulleted and beaten with night sticks.

However, if a deranged mob of neo-nazis and right-wing loonies, egged on and encouraged by the president, who has been telling everyone for two months that was going to happen and when it was going to happen and where it was going to happen, breaks into the Capitol to riot and destroy, there is virtually no law-enforcement presence, even five hours later.

If it had been BLM or hippies, they would have been called terrorists and rioters and would have been arrested by the dozens or hundreds. Now, these actual rioters and terrorists are being dignified as "protestors" and walking back to their cars.

So, thanks, Donald, Mitch, 16 GOP senators and 146 GOP house secessionists. You have made us such a laughing stock that the dictator of Turkey is making statements tsk-tsking the U.S. You must be so proud.

Jamie Selko
Eugene

LET'S FIRE HIM, NOW

As a proud American citizen, I urge Vice President Michael Pence and the executive cabinet to immediately invoke the 25th Amendment and remove the power of the presidency from Donald Trump.

The violent assault on the U.S. Capitol building by a mob was incited by President Trump and his dangerous rhetoric and lies about a stolen election. His actions have materially damaged our country and threatened the safety of all of its residents.

Pence and Trump's cabinet must do what Trump has failed to: uphold their oath to defend the Constitution and invoke the 25th Amendment.

THIS MODERN WORLD



Trump has used his power and his position to target the integrity of our elections, our Congress and state governments across the country. He has incited violence and assaulted our democratic ideals. The 25th Amendment exists to remove a president in these conditions — when they present a risk to the security of the nation. For the integrity of our republic and the safety of the people, Trump needs to be removed immediately.

Vice President Pence and members of the Cabinet: I implore you to invoke the 25th Amendment and remove the power of the presidency from Donald J. Trump.

It's time to protect our country.

Curtis Taylor
Eugene

WHERE'S THE EVIDENCE, GOP?

Commenting on the Trump-incited deadly riot at the U.S. Capitol, the Chair of the Oregon Republican Party, Bill Currier said, "We believe presidential election fraud was real and pervasive."

A serious charge. I urge all media outlets and other venues to provide Currier with the opportunity to prove his belief. Over 50 courts of law, the U.S. Justice Department and the elections divisions of all 50 states have rejected that belief. But perhaps Currier has some special knowledge that would be convincing. If he doesn't, then I recommend that he resign immediately, along with all the other Republican officials who either silently or vocally have enabled Trump to degrade the civic life of this country for the past four years.

Jere C. Rosemeyer
Eugene

WHEN HISTORY IMITATES FANTASY

As I was watching the events of Jan. 6, 2021 unfold in Washington D.C., the sight of the barbarians waving their T**** flags on the steps and balconies of the U.S. Capitol reminded me of a movie scene from *The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers*.

It was when the Uruk-hai and the Orcs had captured the ramparts of the fortress of Helm's Deep and they, too, were waving their crude flags in apparent victory.

It did not end well for the Orcs. The forces of light will win out, and the orange lord and his spawn will descend back to the darkness from which they came.

Thomas H. Morth
Eugene

THANKS, PETE AND BETTY

My many thanks to County Commissioner Pete Sorenson and City Councilor Betty Taylor for their exceptional work and many years of service. We can thank them for our united communities moving forward for health care, climate, education and full employment in our beautiful Oregon.

Ruth Duemler
Eugene

SAVE THE RESTAURANTS

Still a temporary freeze on eat-in restaurants? How much longer will we have this restriction? As we roll over into 2021, we are on our fifth extension of the temporary freeze. How many more extensions will there be?

Not only does this affect social aspects of the community, but the thousands of workers in the food service industry. Almost all restaurants in the

industry have either laid off employees or greatly reduced their hours. Restaurants restricted to only curbside pick up, do not need wait staff or bussing staff. Some restaurants are closed until further notice. This forces restaurant employees affected by the freeze to look for new work that is scarce during these trying times.

By lifting the temporary freeze, we will be able to get the dining industry employees back to work. Former restrictions would still be in place including social distancing and limiting the number of guests allowed in the restaurant at one time. More precautions can be taken if necessary. An example would be allowing small parties of five or fewer into the restaurant. Temperature checks could also be an easy way of screening guests.

Lifting the restrictions will also help further prevent small local restaurants like La Perla Pizzeria from closing in addition to keeping neighbors and friends with jobs.

Jacob Rhodes
Eugene

GOD, GUNS AND THE GOP

So the Republicans have finally declared themselves enemies of the state. Lee Harvey Oswald was such an enemy. Now, apparently, he has 74 million admirers. Current marksmen are Ted Cruz, Josh Hawley and Matt Gaetz. Trump has had his weapons confiscated temporarily. The shock and awe of the Capitol capitulation will slowly attenuate from Republican delays, which is why we won't see Trump convicted and probably never punished, in any meaningful way, regarding his most recent crimes. The sort of trial he deserves won't occur because the criminal half of this former "republic" won't allow it. Like Oswald did for some minutes, they currently occupy the sixth floor. So their assault on democracy will remain locked and loaded.

Our peculiar democracy will further unwind, as a minority of citizens — violent, vile, ignorant, deceived and self-deceiving — will self-perpetuate their rule by the ruse of the electoral college, gerrymandering and the tyranny of the Senate. That tyranny is in full view now. I doubt anyone can stop it. When red states with a half-million people have the same representation as blue states with forty million, the sick waltz toward tyranny will slow for a bit, but eventually conspire successfully to enslave us all. Their guns and their red state senators will always act as a cultural and political divide. We will learn to live with it because they will slowly nudge us into an unsettling tolerance. Perhaps they already have.

Tom Erwin
Salem

PICTURE A WORLD WITHOUT HIM

I have seen enough photos, heard enough words and tweets over the last for years of the chief insurrectionist who resides in the White House. I know what he looks like by now. Since social media has banned him, I suggest the media ban any more photos of him. That would be another dagger to a narcissist. Of course, this is dreaming. When I see a photo of T---, all I see is a bloated carp at the bottom of a bottom rotting into pond scum.

*PJ Allen
Springfield*

WE NEED TO REBUILD OUR COUNTRY

Many progressives, especially those in Congress and the media, see the riot at the Capitol on Jan. 6 as an insurrection, a coup attempt or sedition and are calling for the punishment of President

Donald Trump and all those who supported/enabled him. Many are calling for more censorship by the huge hi-tech companies and new laws to restrain those who threaten the establishment.

While those emotions are justified, if we care about this nation and its future, we have to think carefully about the consequences of our words and actions. This country has the potential to devolve into a Hatfield vs. McCoy feud between the right and left. Such a conflict would be disastrous for the republic. It would be disastrous for the planet, and it would be disastrous for all of us who live here.

Instead, Democrats need to lift working Americans out of the despair that has driven so many to latch onto conspiracy theories and follow authoritarian leaders. Fix the election system. Restructure trade deals to benefit all Americans, not just the big corporations. Institute an industrial policy to

create well-paying jobs in industries we need. Reform the tax system to make the wealthy pay their fair share. Pass a minimum wage bill, \$15 per hour now and indexed to inflation. Bail out small businesses hurt or destroyed by the pandemic. Close our overseas military bases and restore relations with all nations on the basis of mutual respect.

Failure will bring disaster to the nation.

*Charles Dunaway
Eugene*

TIME TO PRACTICE FORGIVENESS

We are in full support of justice taking its course in this country regarding the decisions of those in power who have acted outside the law. But we must remember that in our hearts it is important to practice forgiveness. This forgiveness recognizes the universality of human error in the past, and that we

have all made mistakes, have all failed to understand, and have all been guilty of lack of love and of tolerance. This forgiveness is not based on a spirit of magnanimity or a sense of expediency or superiority.

In order to truly move forward into a world of cooperation based upon goodwill and right human relations, we need to break free from long standing hatreds, relinquishing the memory of old mistakes in policy, judgment and method and, finally, ignore the habitual barriers and our too often separative instincts.

A better world cannot come about if we harbor animosity towards others. Likewise, we must become more positively receptive toward our fellow global citizens and take joy in celebrating the diverse world views, ideas and behaviors of all people.

*Christopher and Deb Michaels
Eugene*

Local and Vocal

VIEWPOINT BY THOMAS COFFIN

The Greatest Threat to Our Democracy

THE VOTES OF THE PEOPLE ARE NOT FRAUD

We had an election on Nov. 3. The incumbent president lost the popular vote by a margin of just over 7 million votes. His opponent, now President-elect Joe Biden, also prevailed in the Electoral College by receiving 306 votes to Donald Trump's 232 votes.

Months before the election took place, Trump began setting the table for nullifying the results if he failed in his bid for reelection. In a bizarre soliloquy, he said the only way he could lose was if the election was rigged or fraudulent.

There was a record turnout for the election — more than 159 million votes were cast. Biden received 81,233,098 of the votes; Trump, 74,222,958.

Immediately, the foretold nullification strategy was unleashed. Trump cried fraud and refused to concede, and some 60 lawsuits were filed in courts throughout the country to have the results declared invalid and Trump the winner.

But the courts are not the props of political theater. In courts of law, there are serious penalties for lying or fabricating evidence. One by one the lawsuits vanished like the morning fog when the light of day was directed at them. There was no proof to substantiate the false claims. When votes were recounted, they were confirmed as accurate. The lawyers retreated, and some took their act to talk shows.

The false claims of "fraud" were in actuality semantical distortions of the true basis for Trump's anguish — the African American voting bloc, which voted in large numbers against his racist agenda. It is no accident that the lawsuits were uniformly directed against the votes of large cities which have majorities consisting of African American citizens.

White supremacists have never accepted the legitimacy of African American votes and have labored to suppress their votes ever since the passage of the 13th, 14th and 15th amendments to the Constitution in 1865. Indeed, Rush Limbaugh, shortly after Trump's defeat in the election, bemoaned the fact that Trump's party could never win the vote in the country's largest cities and suggested the nation's rural states consider secession as the solution.

However, in the court of public opinion, unlike courts of law, lying is a skill set that is often rewarded, especially if the lies are repeated adamantly and often. There are

no rules; allegations suffice for evidence; falsehood is as good a currency as truth.

Additional tools in the public opinion forum that would draw prison sentences in a judicial setting are threats, intimidation, extortion and the traditional techniques of the underworld. Thus we have the specter of the lingering incumbent calling the secretary of state of Georgia to order up precisely 11,800 votes (the number needed to carry the state) via the cover story of "there's nothing wrong with you saying you recalculated." As an added inducement, Trump added that failing to do so could expose the secretary and even his lawyer to some sort of criminal charges.

It is impossible to imagine what more is needed for objective and impartial people to see this for what it is — an existential threat to the democratic principles that are the core of the birthplace of modern democracy, our nation which has been the beacon of liberty and freedom for over two centuries.

But if more is needed, it was provided on Jan. 6 when Trump, with two weeks left on the clock of his administration, summoned thousands of his supporters to Washington D.C. and incited them to attack the Capitol, the hallowed seat of our government, while Congress was in session to perform the ceremonial function of verifying the Electoral College votes making Biden and Kamala Harris our next president and vice-president.

So, emboldened and ginned up by the words of the president himself, the thousands became an armed mob, overwhelmed what little security existed, breached the Capitol, imperiled the safety of the nation's lawmakers and their staff, destroyed and stole property, murdered a police officer and scattered Congress into fleeing for their very lives.

These events represent the greatest threat to our democracy the nation has ever endured. That their genesis was from within renders it all the more dangerous.

The cumulative voice of "We the People" in our 2020 election was not "fraud." It was democracy in action, freedom in choosing our leader, and liberty at work. It was all the ideals that are forbidden, labeled illegitimate, and despised by tyrants. The people have spoken. Their voice is not fraud. Their decision must be respected. The people will not submit to tyranny. Not now, not ever. ■

Thomas Coffin is a retired United States magistrate judge. He served 24 years in the United States District Court for the District of Oregon, from 1992 to 2016.

Vaccine Difficulties

WITH THE SITUATION CHANGING DAILY, THE TIMELINE FOR COVID VACCINE DISTRIBUTION REMAINS UNCLEAR

By Taylor Perse

As the community anticipates a post-pandemic return to normalcy, all eyes are on the golden ticket — aka the COVID-19 vaccine.

But movement is slow, across the nation and locally as well. Oregon is still at the beginning phases of vaccine distribution, and is a ways off from Gov. Kate Brown's goal to have 12,000 vaccines administered daily. The logistics and strict sequence of distribution further bog down the process. Though local governments and health providers want to move quickly, they cannot control the number of vaccines they receive — meaning it might take a while before it's your turn to get vaccinated.

"We want to get people vaccinated as soon as possible," says Jason Davis, public information officer for Lane County Public Health (LCPH). Davis adds that as soon as the county receives doses, it is getting them out. "We are not sitting on any doses."

Oregon is administering its vaccines through a tier of different phases and subphases, focusing on health care workers first, then moving onto those who are high risk or older age. Initially, Oregon Health Authority (OHA) also specified four groups within each subphase, but relaxed those guidelines after realizing this was slowing down the process. On Jan. 12, Brown announced that anyone over age 65 as well as K-12 educators and staff would qualify to receive a vaccine.

The entire state is in phase 1A, which vaccinates all health care and long-term care workers. Next up is phase 1B, which includes critical workers in high-risk settings, people in detention centers and others who have underlying conditions and are at a moderately high risk. OHA has not yet listed details about phase 1C or phase 2.

Davis explains that though Lane County has experience with mass vaccinations, as with the H1N1 virus, the COVID-19 vaccination distribution is different because of the equity framework the state has set in place for vaccinating. This strategy, he explains, isn't meant to vaccinate many people in one day, but is structured around equity by prioritizing individual risk and exposure.

"The reason it's going slow, especially in Oregon, is because we are following strict sequencing that requires strict administrative support and time," he says.

Many residents are wondering when their turn will come and how they will know where to go. Davis says there isn't yet an accurate timeline for future phases. He adds that for phase 1A the county has used social media, sent health notifications to people's emails and mass media messaging to get out the word of who is currently eligible.

"We are still solidly in 1A," Davis explains. "When we are able to see the end of 1A we will start announcing where our mass vaccination locations will be." He also recommends visiting the county COVID-19 website, which has information on which phase the county is in and which groups are eligible for vaccinations.

The county is focused on filling in distribution gaps; that worked well with last week's allotment of 1,200 doses from OHA. But on Jan. 11, LCPH received only 100 vaccines from the state in the weekly vaccine allotment. During an



PEACEHEALTH'S FIRST CAREGIVERS
TO RECEIVE VACCINATIONS

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online public health update, Davis said this was less than what Lane County had asked for, as the county holds 10 percent of the state's population.

He explained that local urgent care Nova Health received a surplus and agreed to give some of its vaccines to Lane County. "Our priority starting yesterday is to advocate on behalf of Lane County and make sure the state understands the frustration."

PeaceHealth is another local care provider administering vaccines to its workers during the first phase.

"We are learning as we do this, nobody's done this before," says Dr. Jim McGovern, COVID-19 incident commander and vice president of medical affairs for PeaceHealth Oregon.

He says PeaceHealth is working with McKenzie Willamette Medical Center, LCPH and other public medical offices in determining how the vaccine can best be distributed to the community.

"The intent for everybody is to get this out as quickly as possible," McGovern says. "And when OHA realized that some of their structure was slowing things down a bit, they adjusted."

McGovern also addressed some general misconceptions about PeaceHealth's role in administering the vaccine. He

clarified that their employees who don't see patients are still getting vaccinated. Initially, they were told to do direct-care workers first, but with OHA allowing for flexibility, McGovern says it was important to vaccinate everyone involved in order for the medical center to function.

He adds that there have been rumors that PeaceHealth is wasting vaccines, which he says is untrue.

"We have not wasted any doses," McGovern says. "We are cognizant of how valuable this is. We make sure if we puncture a vial it gets used." Each vial holds about 10 doses.

Looking ahead, PeaceHealth plans to be involved in the broader, mass vaccination process, McGovern says, adding there is still ambiguity on what that will look like, as governing institutions have never had something like this happen on a mass scale.

Though it's easy to feel optimistic, there is still a long road ahead until a majority of individuals are vaccinated, even just in Oregon. As of Jan. 8, Lane County — which has a population of about 380,000 — had vaccinated roughly 6,000 people.

"Every week the story is going to change dramatically," Davis says. ■

For more information on statewide vaccination plans visit CovidVaccine.Oregon.gov. To learn about local vaccination efforts visit LaneCounty.org/CovidVaccine.

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Foreseeable Harm?

A FATHER SUES 4J AND THE STATE, SAYING HIS 7-YEAR-OLD SON WAS SEXUALLY ASSAULTED AT SCHOOL LAST YEAR

By Ardeshir Tabrizian

A parent is suing the Eugene School District 4J and the state, claiming negligence led to his son being sexually assaulted at school.

A Lane County resident sued the district and the Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS) Nov. 5 in Lane County Circuit Court on behalf of his son, seeking \$4.14 million in damages and demanding a jury trial.

A complaint dated Oct. 14, 2020, says the then 7-year-old child was sexually assaulted in April 2019 by another student in an elementary school bathroom.

The other student, who was “a foster child and/or youth offender” in the care and custody of DHS, “was known to have aberrant sexual behaviors,” according to the complaint.

The complaint says the school district was or should have been aware of the student’s sexual proclivities, and that the district’s and DHS’s failures to supervise him allowed the assault to happen. “On the day of the sexual assault, [the student] was allowed to venture in the school hallways unsupervised and allowed to interact with other students,” according to the court filing.

The school district had a duty to keep the victim safe through close supervision, the complaint says, and DHS failed to appropriately address the other student’s behavior despite the risk he posed to other children.

“Anytime a child is abused or neglected it is a tragic and traumatizing experience for that child,” DHS Press Secretary Jake Sunderland tells *Eugene Weekly*. “Unfortunately due to child privacy laws we are not able to comment on past or current cases. And we do not comment on pending or active litigation.”

The parent’s attorney declined to provide a statement, and the school district declined to comment due to pending litigation.

Not only was the sexual assault preventable, the parent says, but this was not the first instance of children being in danger on school grounds. The district knew — or should have known — that the elementary school was unsafe and has “a history of children being injured” at school, with unsupervised children posing a higher risk, the court filing says.

In September 2011, a parent sued the Eugene School

District 4J and Springfield School District in federal court on behalf of her daughter. The complaint says that Chad Schacht, a former cross country coach at Sheldon High School and teacher at Agnes Stewart Middle School, sexually abused her daughter “approximately 30 separate times” over a two-month period in 2010 when she was a high school student participating on the cross country team.

Schacht pleaded guilty on Dec. 16, 2010, in Lane County Circuit Court to seven counts of second-degree sexual abuse, court records show.

All of her “emotional and psychological injuries are permanent and will remain for the rest of her life,” according to the complaint. The court filing says Agnes Stewart Middle School was aware of his prior inappropriate conduct toward female students at the school, to the extent that it restricted him from being alone with girls or having the door to his classroom closed, removed him as the physical education teacher and required that he be supervised.

When contacted about the victim’s sexual exploitation, the complaint says, the middle school “indicated they had been expecting it for 8 years.”

The Eugene and Springfield school districts share information about appropriate contacts between teachers, students and athletes, according to the court filing, and the middle school “was obligated to report what it knew about Chad Schacht to Sheldon High School.” The parties reached a settlement, with the Eugene School District 4J paying \$450,000 and the Springfield School District paying \$125,000, according to a story in *The Register-Guard*.

The Eugene School District faced another federal lawsuit filed in September 2012 by a representative for a student who was verbally harassed from sixth through eighth grade, frequently assaulted and targeted by other students as “gay” while not identifying as gay, according to the complaint.

His mother contacted the district after other boys knocked him to the ground, nearly ran over him with their bikes, kicked him and threw a helmet at him while repeatedly calling him homophobic slurs, the court filing says.

The child “believed that there was no way to stop the harassment as it continued in spite of numerous previous reports to the District,” according to the complaint. He was diagnosed with depression, panic disorder and

social phobia, often missing school “due to his anxiety and depression resulting from the hostile education environment within the District,” the filing says, and the district dropped him from enrollment as a result of his absences. The district paid \$5,000 in a settlement, according to *The Statesman Journal*.

In January 2015, a parent filed a lawsuit against 4J on behalf of his son, alleging that he was beaten, strangled and injured by other students at Cal Young Middle School in 2014. The complaint says there was no adult supervision, security cameras “or any means to supervise the students” at any time in the area where it occurred, and that the district knew or should have known that the other students had a history of intimidating, harassing and assaulting younger students. The parties settled in 2016, according to *The Register-Guard*, with the district paying \$15,000.

Another parent sued the Eugene District in September 2017 on behalf of her son in Lane County Circuit Court, alleging that a student assaulted him twice in one day at North Eugene High School. The district did not take reasonable steps to supervise its students, the complaint says, and the victim suffered a concussion, chronic headaches, memory loss, anxiety, “pain, discomfort and suffering,” loss of educational opportunities and interference with everyday activities. The district paid \$24,000 in a settlement, according to *The Register-Guard*.

The most recent lawsuit against the district involving the alleged sexual assault is still pending.

“As a direct and foreseeable result” of the district’s and DHS’s negligence, the victim was unable to return to school, requires therapy and suffered emotional injury, mental anguish, embarrassment, shame, fear, hyperactivity, lack of focus, isolation, displacement from his school and peers, nightmares and sleep disruption, mistrust in the intentions of others, lack of self-esteem, depression, anxiety and other psychological trauma, the court document says.

The parent suffered “additional economic damages of missed employment and using employer provided benefits to care for his son.”

The victim also underwent physical and psychological evaluations for sexual trauma and may require future medical treatment. ■

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• We are watching the Jan. 20 inauguration of Joe Biden and Kamala Harris draw closer with delight

and fear. **The Jan. 6 mob attack on the U.S. Capitol wasn't the last we will hear from right-wing extremists and domestic terrorists, but hope for a better country springs eternal.** Check out *Eugene Weekly's* online coverage of the Jan. 9 Trump rally in Eugene that led to three arrests, as well as our story of the quieter and heartbreaking Candlelight Vigil to Mourn Death on the Streets and the list of at least 30 people who died homeless this year.

• At the Jan. 11 Eugene City Council Meeting, **Councilor Mike Clark once again refused to condemn white supremacy** in response to the right-wing extremist insurrection at the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6. When councilors discussed the possibility of taking a new vote to condemn white supremacy — to include the new councilors — Clark said he's all for condemning violence on both sides of the political spectrum as long as it includes also Antifa and Black Lives Matter. "We are not being peacemakers when we focus on one political aspect," Clark said.

• **Welcome voices of reason continue to come out of the City Club of Eugene.** On Jan. 15, the topic is "Spotlight on the Coast: Economic Challenges and Opportunities" with three speakers: state Sen. Dick Anderson, Oregon's 5th Senate district; Chief Doc Slyter of the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians; and Bettina Hannigan, president and CEO of the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce. This program will air on the City Club Facebook and YouTube pages starting at noon on the 15th.



CONGRESSMAN PETER DEFAZIO

• Watch Cliff Bentz, newly elected congressman from eastern Oregon succeeding Greg Walden. He has the distinction of being **the only congressman from Oregon and Washington to join Trump's totally dishonest effort to overturn the vote** against him in the electoral college. Embarrassing, to say the least, to have even one Oregon representative among the 147 senators and congressional representatives who endorsed the president's shameful attempt to subvert democracy. And sadly, no surprise that Republican state Sen. Mike Nearman had a role in opening the door for Oregon's right-wing Capitol invaders. House Speaker Tina Kotek and others have called for Nearman's resignation. We agree and call for the Republican Party to learn some common decency.

• **Congressman Peter DeFazio has received the Wayne Morse Integrity in Politics award** from the

Wayne Morse Historical Park Corporation at this time when there is so little integrity in politics. Here are the words of Morse's integrity pledge: "I will exercise an independence of judgment based on the evidence of each issue. I will weigh the views of my constituents and party but cast my vote free of political pressure and unmoved by threats of loss of political support." We wonder what Sen. Morse would say today were he in Washington, D.C.?

• **It's still winter whale-watching season for another week or so**, so if you are tired of politics and humans, you can take a COVID-safe trip to the Oregon Coast in hopes of seeing migrating gray whales heading to Baja, Mexico. The usual organized cetacean watches are off due to the coronavirus, but you can go to StateParks.Oregon.gov for places to witness the sea mammals swimming by.

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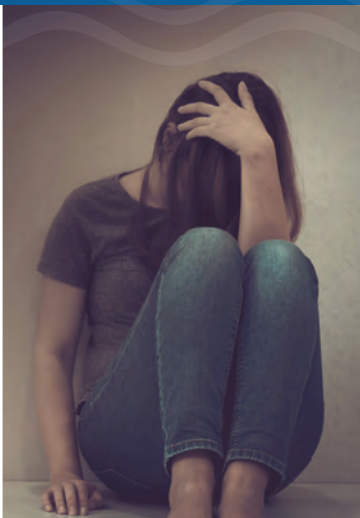
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GIVE HOUSING, SAVE MONEY

Photo by Todd Cooper

Lane County is providing hundreds of housing units and services to chronically homeless people while saving hospitals and governments money **BY JADE YAMAZAKI STEWART**

Rhonda Messal was homeless in Eugene for three years, camping under carports and couch-surfing when people would let her stay in their homes.

One winter, she lived in an unheated car, surviving off ramen she bought with her food stamps; she'd heat it up in gas-station microwaves. She'd sleep in Walmart parking lots or anywhere else she could park for a night without getting harassed. She used drugs to find brief moments of comfort.

After a while, she got into a recovery house and got clean from drugs. Eventually, she got a job. But with paying for her kids and the rent at the halfway house, she could never save up enough money for a security deposit. This is understandable in a city where median monthly rent for a household is more than \$1,000, and which has, by some studies, the highest rate of homelessness per capita of any city its size in the U.S.

So Messal couldn't get out of homelessness on her own, even though she was clean and sober, and even though she had a job. Women around her would win housing voucher lotteries or be recruited for programs, and some were getting permanent homes, but it was never her.

But then one day in 2017, Messal got a call. She'd been chosen to be one of the 33 chronically homeless people to be part of the Madrone Program, a partnership between the Lane County housing authority, aka Homes for Good, and ShelterCare, a local housing and services nonprofit.

Chad Ward, a housing specialist from ShelterCare, helped Messal get out of the recovery house and into a real home — a house with bedrooms for each of her three children where she could continue to get services through ShelterCare for her addiction and mental health issues.

She remembers the first time she got to her house. Ward was there already with a welcome package — pillows, blankets, sheets, towels, shower curtains, pots and pans, cutlery — everything she needed to get started.

"It was like Christmas — the best Christmas you could ever experience," Messal says. "It was the biggest moment of my life."

She could shower regularly now. She could sleep soundly with her kids behind locked doors. She could cook food besides ramen.

"The basic things that most people take for granted are so heartwarming for me. Until you don't have those things, you don't realize how important they are," she says. "If there's one thing I'll never ever, ever take for granted, it's housing."

GETTING A BRAND NEW START

While many people take housing for granted, there are at least 9,600 homeless people in Lane County, according to county data, and 14 out of 1,000 people in Eugene are homeless. These numbers are double or triple the national averages, depending on the statistics used. The rate of chronic homelessness, which is defined as being homeless for more than a year, is also higher in Lane County compared to the rest of the country. Thirty-five percent of the Lane County homeless population is chronically homeless, compared with 25 percent of the nation's homeless population.

In Eugene and Lane County, taxpayers pay for chronically homeless people in a variety of ways. Financially secure residents cover the costs of aiding chronically homeless people who can't pay for ambulance rides when they get into emergency medical situations, a common occurrence for those who live on the street and have chronic health conditions. Housed people pay high rates for emergency room visits to cover visits by chronically homeless people who can't pay. And tax dollars are used to pay for police to cite, arrest and jail homeless people for trespassing and for illegal activities related to mental health and substance abuse issues.

Chronically homeless people often have mental and physical health issues that get them regularly arrested, transported by ambulances and put in jails and hospitals. These cycles cost hospital and government systems thousands, sometimes millions of dollars per person over their lifetimes. It appears that most of these costs in Lane County and Eugene are ones that local government could dramatically reduce if they changed homelessness policies.

Often, dealing with chronically homeless people who are on the street costs systems more money than it would cost to simply give them full housing and health services, studies in numerous U.S. cities show. Lane County and the city of Eugene have picked up on these studies and

are planning on creating about 350 units of housing with supportive services for chronically homeless residents of the area within the next five years. While city and county officials say this is a feasible goal, the county has failed to meet similar goals in the past, and they say it will take funding from the federal government, collaboration with local nonprofits and support from Lane County residents to make happen.

If the goal is met, Lane County taxpayers and businesses could save millions of dollars and hundreds of homeless people could be permanently housed, bringing the county one step closer toward effectively eliminating homelessness in the community.

HOUSING FIRST, THEN EVERYTHING ELSE

What Messal received at ShelterCare is an example of permanent supportive housing (PSH), supplied with a Housing First philosophy.

PSH is housing, normally for chronically homeless people, that comes with supportive services like mental health and addiction treatment and anything else they need to thrive and stay housed. PSH is given with the understanding that residents might take years to move on to unsupported housing or might live in the PSH for the rest of their lives.

Housing First is the idea that when you're trying to help out homeless people, you should give them housing first, then help them grow from there, even if they still have substance abuse issues. The Housing First model is an idea that's radically different from many traditional housing philosophies, which create barriers to entry like being clean, sober or employed to be eligible for housing.

Housing First has high success rates in helping people move out of homelessness and is the accepted model among housing experts around the country. Experts see PSH as one of the most cost-effective solutions to chronic homelessness.

"Housing First as a model across the country, and in Canada as well, has proven to be much, much more cost effective than what we typically do, which does not provide the support," says Sarai Johnson, the city and county's joint housing and shelter strategist. "If we do nothing, it costs much more than to house somebody."

The 1811 Eastlake project, a housing complex for 95 chronically homeless alcoholics in Seattle, saved \$4 million per year in jail, emergency health and social service costs, according to a study published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*. It also reduced drinking among the participants.

Another study, which was cited in a United States Interagency Council on Homelessness report endorsing the Housing First model, showed 1,000 homeless people who'd been put in PSH cost the public an average of nearly \$30,000 less per person per year than 9,000 other surveyed homeless adults who lived on the street in Los Angeles.

"The most successful intervention for ending chronic homelessness is Permanent Supportive Housing," the report says.

Although many people discuss how to address homelessness, Eugene Mayor Lucy Vinis says housing experts know exactly how to meet the needs of homeless people through PSH and other strategies. The issue is getting enough money and land to fund expensive housing and services for them. Before she was mayor, Vinis worked as ShelterCare's development director for nearly seven years.

"We know how to do this work," she says. "We have the skills to do it. We have the experience to do it. We have the success record to do it. It's just a matter of being able to do it at the scale that we really need."

HOW PSH WORKS IN LANE COUNTY

There are around 500 housing units that could be considered PSH for chronically homeless people in Lane County, says Johnson, the housing and shelter strategist. She says this is not nearly enough to serve the needs of the county's chronically homeless population.

Most of the funding for PSH in Lane County comes from various federal sources, like the Section 8 Housing Voucher Program. But in 2019, building PSH became a

priority for the state of Oregon as well, says Kenny Lapoint, the spokesperson for Oregon Housing and Community Services.

In 2019, the state allocated \$50 million toward building PSH, some of which is going directly to the low-income housing authority Homes for Good. The state's goal is to fund the development of 1,000 new units of PSH in Oregon by 2024.

Hospitals and other health care providers could also be potential funders of PSH in Lane County and across the country. Homes for Good's Commons on MLK project, the first large-scale PSH project being built in Lane County, which will be completed in February, is being partially funded by four Oregon health care organizations that donated a total of nearly \$3 million to the project.

The Commons on MLK, near Autzen Stadium in Eugene, will house 51 chronically homeless people taken from something called the Frequent User System Engagement, a program that lists about 100 people whom the county has identified as using the most services and costing the system the most money. In addition to this list, the county has a separate centralized waitlist based on specific people's need for PSH that has about 100 people on it.

Health care organizations can stand to gain from taking chronically homeless people off the street. Hospitals sometimes have to cover the costs of chronically homeless

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people who wind up in emergency rooms and later can't cover the bill.

Hospitals and ambulance services can turn away people with minor health issues or injuries, but not those with serious issues that need immediate attention. This means chronically homeless people's health issues often go untreated until they fall into the second category. These types of emergency health procedures are normally extremely expensive.

Oregon Housing and Community Services donated an additional \$3 million to the Commons on MLK project. Once running, ShelterCare will provide on-site-24-hour physical and mental health services for the people who live there.

Homes for Good is creating a couple of other smaller projects that include PSH, but for now, most of the PSH units in Lane County are scattered throughout the community, not in designated PSH projects.

This is the model ShelterCare uses to provide its PSH. Dana Peterson, the organization's housing services director, says ShelterCare administers services for about 150 PSH units in Lane County.

When ShelterCare gets open spots for PSH in its programs, it receives a name, normally from the centralized county waitlist. Then a housing specialist like Ward has to go track the person down.

Sometimes, the person will be in some kind of program or recovery house, as Messal was when Ward first con-

tacted her. In these cases, Ward says it's easy to find them.

Other times, the person on the list might be living in a tent without a phone. In these cases, Ward says he sometimes has to go to encampments and knock on tent doors to find them.

After he finds the people, he helps them get a home. ShelterCare sometimes pays for clients' rental leases that are under the clients' names. In other cases, ShelterCare directly leases rooms from property management companies and gives them to their clients.

The types of living situations that ShelterCare provides, where formerly chronically homeless people are living among people who were not recently homeless, can be good for clients because they don't feel like they're living in a housing project, or that they're abnormal in any way, Petersen says.

But project-based PSH also has its benefits, like having centralized services and the 24-hour support staff that projects like The Commons on MLK will have.

Vinis says that both types of housing are needed. She says the idea is that people could graduate from intensive-care housing like the Commons on MLK to units like those that ShelterCare operates, which still come with some services, before moving to fully independent living.

ISSUES AND SOLUTIONS

Building PSH has been a priority for Lane County since 2016 and for the city of Eugene since 2018. The Lane County Poverty and Homelessness Board included creating 600 new units of PSH by 2021 as part of its 2016 Strategic Plan.

The Technical Assistance Collaborative's 2018 Shelter Feasibility report for Lane County, a sweeping analysis of housing needs in the area which the county and city are using to shape their housing policy, recommended adding 350 additional units of PSH to the county system in three years.

Johnson says the county has created about 83 units of PSH since 2016, has 72 under construction and has concrete plans to make 86 more. County officials agree that they will fail to meet the 600-unit goal of the Poverty and Homelessness Board. They say that they will only meet the new 350 unit PSH goal if everything goes right.

The main barriers that made it difficult for the county to meet its previous PSH goals, and could stop the new goal from being met, are finding the right land and right funding for projects and finding landlords willing to work with chronically homeless tenants.

Finding the right land is difficult because land in Lane County, especially in Eugene, is expensive, says Jacob Fox, Homes for Good executive director. He says the Commons on MLK project was only able to be financed because the county donated the land.

Vinis says that there is land in Eugene that could be used for these types of projects. For example, she says Eugene could build PSH projects on parking lots, which she says we'll need less of as the city becomes more dense and public transport improves.

But even in cases where county or city land could be used for PSH projects, neighborhood associations often fight the creation of projects in their neighborhoods, says Pat Farr, the Lane County commissioner representing north Eugene and longtime homeless advocate who serves on the Poverty and Homelessness Board.

He says that it can be especially difficult to garner public support for Housing First projects because they include residents who have serious behavioral and substance abuse issues.

"What makes that unpopular with some people is that we're providing housing to people who are actively using drugs and alcohol, under the premise that they will seek treatment once they are in the housing," Farr says.

He says that while neighborhood associations don't have direct control over where a PSH project is placed, they can start information campaigns that can effectively stop the city from building in a given area.

Farr says while people in most Eugene neighborhoods support PSH as a concept, they normally don't want it built in their neighborhoods. He believes that once people see completed Homes for Good projects like the Commons on MLK and another project being built for 15 families

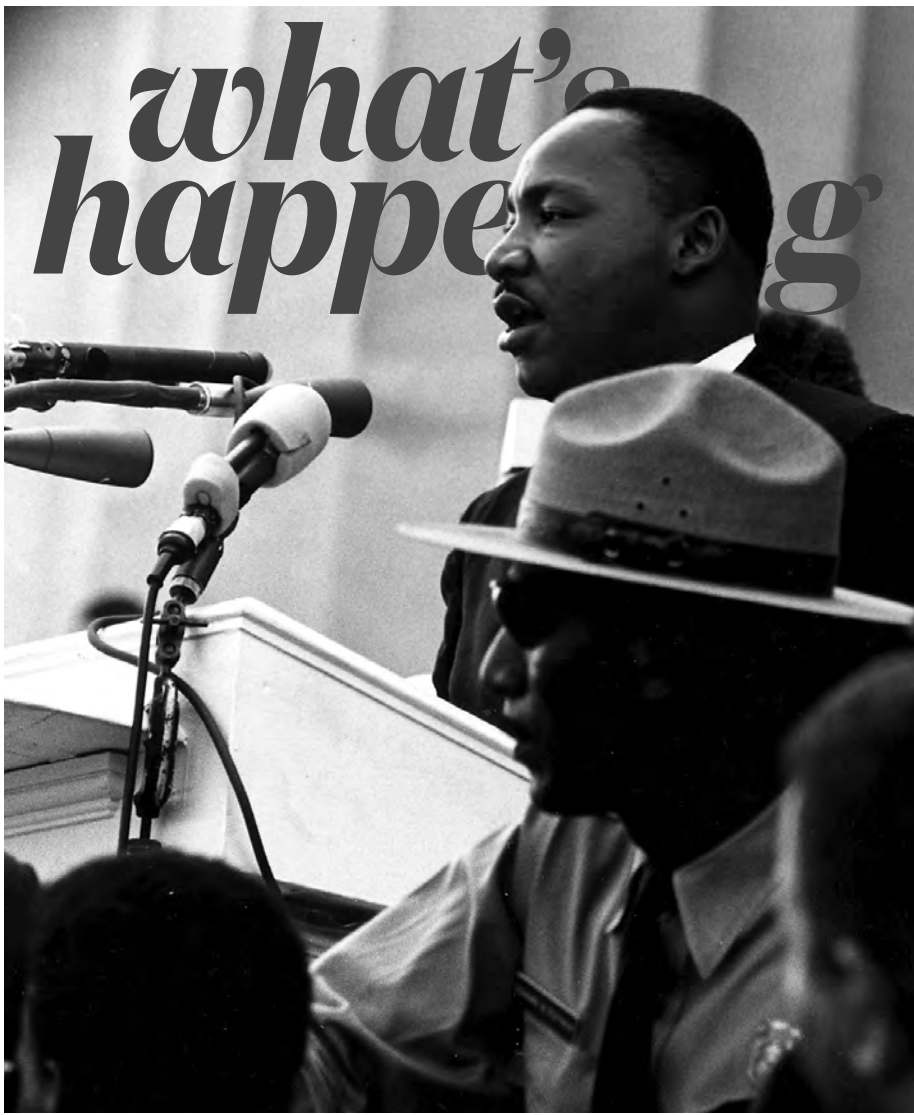


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If there ever was a need to celebrate **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.**, it is now. In the past year, protesters at marches throughout Eugene and the U.S. have called for abolishing the police and reminded us that Black Lives Matter. Several events in the community are being held to continue King's legacy of civil rights. On Thursday, Jan. 14, Lane Community College kicks the celebration off with a keynote address by Dr. Robert Bullard, who's known as the "father of environmental justice" for exposing racial disparities related to pollution and other factors. The virtual event is free and runs from 5:30 to 7:30 pm; visit LaneCC.edu to access the Zoom link. On Monday, Jan. 18, civil rights activist Angela Davis is the keynote speaker at Oregon State University's virtual 39th annual event commemorating King, which runs 9:30 to 10:30 am; free, visit Diversity.Oregonstate.edu to register. Davis has done extensive research on issues related to race, gender and prisons. Her lecture should be relevant for those seeking to abolish the police and prisons, since she's the founding member of Critical Resistance, a national organization dedicated to dismantling the prison industrial complex. On Monday, Jan. 18, in Eugene, the Eugene-Springfield NAACP has a drive-by rally from 9 to 10:30 am at Serbu Juvenile Center as well as a live streamed event 9 to 10 am and a virtual event 11:30 am to 1 pm; for more information, find the event on Facebook. So get out there and celebrate King and the fight he led for social and economic justice. — *Henry Houston*

GENERAL

LISTINGS ARE FREE UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

HEALTH

Zoom classes at YMCA.org.

Zoom workout classes at CrossFit. Email Contact@CrossFitIntensify.com for more info.

Workout classes at IAmForeverStrong.com.

Workout classes at Evolve Fitness Studios. More info at EvolveFitnessStudios Facebook page.

Yoga classes at EugeneYoga.us; WildLightYogaCenter.com; EugeneMudra.com;

HotYogaEugeneBalanced.com; YogaEugene.com.

All levels of yoga (chair, advanced, yoga for health care workers and children) at Vista Wellness Center. Visit VistaPsych.com for more info.

ART EXHIBITS

Adam Grosowsky: "No Direction Home" (thru Jan. 16), Karin Clarke Gallery, 760 Willamette St.

"If Not Now, When?" (thru Feb. 12), Maude Kerns Art Center.

Erik Sandgren - "Observed, Imagined and Remembered: The Northwest Landscape" (thru Feb. 27), Karin Clarke Gallery.

Focus Artist - Becki Hesedahl at River Gallery (thru Feb. 28), River Gallery, Independence.

Exhibition: Highlights From the Gallery Collection (thru March 6), White Lotus Gallery.

Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art, JSMA.Uoregon.edu.

GATHERINGS

Christmas Tree Pickup w/ BSA Troop 182 (thru Jan. 31). Visit Trees182.com to fill out the request form.

ONLINE LECTURES/CLASSES

Job Search Help by appointment at the downtown library. Call 541-686-7985 to schedule.

FAMILY/KIDS

Bilingual StoryWalks w/ Eugene Public Library (thru Jan. 15), at Sheldon and Petersen Barn community centers. More info at 541-682-5450 or Eugene-or.gov/library.

Winter Reading: Free Books for Kids and Teens w/ Eugene Public Library (thru Jan 31). More info at 541-682-5450 or Eugene-or.gov/library.

THURSDAY

JANUARY 14

HEALTH

NAMI Family Support Zoom Group @ NamiLane.org, 7pm. RSVP at NamiLane.org.

GATHERINGS

Information Session for A Family For Every Child, 6pm. More info at AfamilyforEveryChild.org.

LECTURES/CLASSES

Move Better, Connect to Yourself, 10-11am, BodyWorkbySabine.com.

Live Virtual Sexuality Education - Planned Parenthood of Southwestern Oregon, 3-4pm. More info at PlannedParenthood.org.

Overcoming the Challenges of Communicating Emerging Science about COVID-19 w/ Dr. Kathleen Hall Jamieson, 4-5:30pm, Uoregon.zoom.us.

ON THE AIR

"The Point," 9am, KOPV, 88.0 FM

"Arts Journal," 9pm, Comcast channel 29

Thursday Night Jazz, 10pm, KLCC, 89.7 FM

SPIRITUAL

Zen Meditation, 7-8am, Blue Cliff Zen Ctr, 352 W. 12th Ave.

FRIDAY

JANUARY 15

ART/CRAFTS

2021-2022 Amici Art Contest Call for Submissions, all day. Submit at ChamberMusicAmici.org.

GATHERINGS

City Club of Eugene "Spotlight on the Coast: Economic Challenges and Opportunities," noon, Eugene City Club Facebook Page. Airs again at 7pm Monday, Jan. 18, on KLCC, 89.7 FM.

Food Not Bombs, cooking starts at noon (email EugeneFoodNotBombs@gmail.com for location), serves at 4pm at Park Blocks, E. 8th Ave. & Oak St. next to fountains.

KIDS/FAMILY

Little Wonders: Museum Fun for Preschoolers, 10:30am. More info at MNCH.Uoregon.edu.

LECTURES/CLASSES

Winter Preview Day for Gutenberg College (Virtual), all day. More info at Gutenberg.edu.

Expression Through Art w/ The Trauma Healing Project, 4-5pm. More info at HealingAttention.org. FREE-\$15.

MUSIC

Friday Night Folk Music Live Stream, 7pm. More info at Kathryn Rose Celtic Folk Festival Facebook page.

SPIRITUAL

Zen Meditation (instruction provided), 7pm. Zoom only at BlueCliffZen.org.

SATURDAY

JANUARY 16

GATHERINGS

Burrito Brigade, 9:30am-3:30pm. More info at BurritoBrigade.org.

Ridgeline Montessori Public Charter School Lottery Information Sessions, 10-11am. More info at Ridgeline.org.

LECTURES/CLASSES

Creating Timelines, 10am-noon. More info at Ore-gongs.org. \$10.

Initiation Into The Shamanic Journey, 10am-3pm. More info at LeiaHart.com.

ON THE AIR

The Dr. Yeti Show, 10pm-midnight, KOFC, 92.5 FM or streamed at KOFC.org.

The Institute of Spectra Sound, 10pm-midnight, KEPW, 97.3 FM

THEATER

Majesticpiece Theatre: *Gallathea*, 7:30pm. Info at Apps.arts-people.com. FREE-\$10.

SUNDAY

JANUARY 17

GATHERINGS

Burrito Brigade, 11am-4pm. More info at BurritoBrigade.org.

"Staying Alive," Disobedience Dance (all ages), 3pm, Owen Rose Garden Gazebo.

HEALTH

Occupy Medical, noon-4pm, 1717 Centennial Blvd, Springfield.

SPIRITUAL

Zen Meditation, 4:30pm, Blue Cliff Zen Center, 352 W. 12th Ave.

Eugene Insight Meditation via Zoom, 6:30pm, Eugene-Insight.com..

MONDAY

JANUARY 18

HEALTH

Connection Peer Support Group at NAMILane.org, 7pm. RSVP at NAMILane.org.

LECTURES/CLASSES

Move better, connect to yourself, 10-11am & 6-7pm, BodyWorkbySabine.com.

Lunchtime Meditation, noon-12:30pm. More info at MeditateInEugene.org. \$1.

Live Virtual Sexuality Education - Planned Parenthood of Southwestern Oregon, 4-5:15pm. More info at PlannedParenthood.org.

SING in the New Year!, 5:30-6:15pm. More info at EmmaRoselynn.com.

Meaningful Holidays, 6-7:30pm. More info at MeditateInEugene.org. \$2.

LITERARY ARTS

Rainbow Reads, 6-8pm. WordCrafters.org.

TUESDAY

JANUARY 19

KIDS/FAMILY

Family Storytime Online w/ Eugene Public Library, 11am, Eugene Public Library Facebook page.

LECTURES/CLASSES

Gentle Restorative Yoga via Zoom w/ The Trauma Healing Project, 10-11am. More info at HealingAttention.org. FREE-\$15.

Lunchtime Meditation, noon-12:30pm. More info at MeditateInEugene.org. \$1.

Live Virtual Sexuality Education - Planned Parenthood of Southwestern Oregon, 3-4pm. More info at PlannedParenthood.org.

Open Heart NeuroMeditation: 6 Week Course, 4-6pm. More info at NeuroMeditationInstitute.com. \$175.

Lamrim Practice, 6-7:30pm, Online. More info at MeditateInEugene.org. \$2.

LITERARY ARTS

Windfall Reading Online w/ Eugene Public Library, 6pm, Eugene Public Library YouTube channel.

SPIRITUAL

Zen Meditation, 7-8am, Blue Cliff Zen Center, 352 W. 12th Ave.

WEDNESDAY

JANUARY 20

LECTURES/CLASSES

Live Virtual Sexuality Education - Planned Parenthood of Southwestern Oregon, 4-5:15pm. More info at PlannedParenthood.org.

SING in the New Year!, 5:30-6:15pm. More info at EmmaRoselynn.com.

Create a Brighter Future, 6-7:30pm. More info at MeditateInEugene.org. \$2.

ON THE AIR

"Come Together Oregon," 6pm, KEPW, 97.3 FM

SPIRITUAL

Zen Meditation, 7-8am, Blue Cliff Zen Center, 352 W. 12th Ave.

THURSDAY

JANUARY 21

HEALTH

NAMI Family Support Zoom Group @ NamiLane.org, 7pm. RSVP at NamiLane.org.

LECTURES/CLASSES

Move Better, Connect to Yourself, 10-11am & 6-7pm. More info at BodyWorkbySabine.com.

A Dissenter's Take: The New Administration's Apointee's Priorities and Our Movements, 3-5pm. More info at CLDC.org.

Fred H. C. Liang: "Convergence," 4pm. More info at Facebook.com/UOartdepartment/live.

Live Virtual Sexuality Education - Planned Parenthood of Southwestern Oregon, 4-5:15pm. More info at PlannedParenthood.org.

What You Wish You Learned in Health Class, 4pm.

Trafficking Awareness Month: Doing the Work in Lane County, 5:30-7pm. More info at EcaseyLane.org.

ON THE AIR

"The Point," 9am, KOPV, 88.0 FM

"Arts Journal," 9pm, Comcast channel 29

Thursday Night Jazz, 10pm, KLCC, 89.7 FM

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ATTENTION

The COVID-19 pandemic is creating a mark on our community, a truly historic event that may have lasting effect generations from now. The Lane County History Museum needs the help of our entire community to document this experience for future exhibits, researchers and Lane County residents to look back at generations from now. A single event can be experienced differently. LCHM wants to capture a variety of perspectives and experiences of people, but also of businesses and other organizations. How did you adapt to this new environment, what did you choose to do or have to do differently? This collection is not just for adults — the museum emphasizes that the goal is to capture the experiences of all ages. Childhood possessions, artwork or oral experiences are most often collected after we have grown. By collecting these directly from young people, we can get a more authentic experience. To get more information on this collection campaign, and how you, your business or organization can submit an item to be considered, go to our website at Lchm.org/covid-collection/. Due to the pandemic the museum is currently closed to the public. If your submission is chosen you will be contacted once the museum is able to safely welcome people and artifacts.



STAND BY ME (1986)

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Keepin' It Reel

EUGENE'S EMBRYONIC FILM INDUSTRY OFFERS SUPPORT, COLLABORATION TO ASPIRING PRODUCERS AND DIRECTORS

By Emily Topping

As Eugene filmmaker David Mort speaks about the growing film community in Lane County, he's got one hand holding a phone to his ear and the other elbow deep in a felt rat puppet. He explains that to be an artist, "You usually develop a knack for multi-tasking." Mort, who has a background in stage acting, owns and operates a puppet company called No Strings Attached Puppet Works and produces films in the Eugene area, in addition to his day job at a health clinic.

Mort represents a growing genre of filmmakers in the Eugene area — one for whom film might be their second or third job, completing shoots and writing scripts after they've come home from work and the kids are in bed. In Eugene, filmmaking is rarely a lucrative affair, though the players involved are passionate and the projects time-consuming and often impressively professional.

Mort runs a YouTube interview series called "Garage Talk," in which he interviews local filmmakers about their projects. The series is part of a larger channel, "Scene in Eugene," which operates as an anthology of short films created in the Eugene area. The channel was created by local filmmaker Rick Gates, who wanted to make a space for creatives in the area to premiere their films.

All of the films in Scene in Eugene are less than 16 minutes long. Many are based on or inspired by local life. *Live Free or Die*, written and directed by Chelsea Reel, tells the story of a young man visiting a friend in Eugene for the first time, while *Planet Eugene*, written and directed by Rex Moody, takes a tongue-in-cheek look at a local cannabis dispensary worker.

Some of the films seem to operate on a wider scale. *Blood Money*, a Western short produced by Gates and written, produced and directed by Walter King, takes a genre-twisting trip to the desert outside Bend, where a duo of outlaws face off with a priest.

During the filming of *Blood Money*, King got a taste of some of the challenges of being a local filmmaker.

"We didn't have a permit to film outside, and soon enough a cop showed up because someone had called complaining there was a group of people slinging guns outside in the desert," King says.

The cast and crew were forced to switch locations, and by the time King got home to edit the footage, he noticed there were a few shots from the script missing. They would have to return to Bend to reshoot the scene — only by now, winter had set in. The crew had to wait six months for the snow to melt.

It would be understandable if it were difficult to find crew and actors to dedicate themselves to such intensive projects without pay. However, local filmmakers find no shortage of people willing to take part in a project.

"You would think it would be next to impossible. But people around here are really excited to get involved," Mort says.

Filmmaking is not new to the Eugene area. Film shots of Lane County's beautiful scenery often bring directors and producers from out of state. Cult classics like *Animal House*, the 1978 comedy filmed on the University of Oregon campus, and *Stand by Me*, the 1986 Stephen King novella adaptation, were shot in the Eugene area. But artists here say it can be difficult to lure larger-scale projects to such a small town.

"We don't have the same infrastructure as L.A., or even Portland," Mort says.

Instead, independent filmmakers around Eugene have taken to sourcing projects from scratch. The Facebook group Lane County Filmmakers has more than 300 members. On its page, people post trailers for their most recent projects, ask questions about where to find stock footage and call for audition tapes for their upcoming scripts.

The group is overwhelmingly supportive, an environment that feels rare on the internet. Mort believes that the type of people attracted to independent filmmaking — those willing to commit themselves to a piece of art without the guarantee of widespread recognition or money — are a special breed.

"Really, it is a labor of love," he says. "You can spend hours and hours on something, and it might only get 15 views on YouTube. But hopefully you learned something and can say, 'What did I gain from this?' You have to love the process."

One bonus to working in such a small community is flexibility. In the latest episode of "Garage Talk," Mort speaks to independent filmmaker Megan Johns about her upcoming film *Feathers*. Johns reveals that when creating the surreal fantasy short, shot in August 2020, she rewrote the script to be filmed entirely outdoors to be more COVID-safe. When it came time to shoot, members of the cast and crew had to play multiple roles to keep the production running smoothly.

"Everybody on this set needs an award. They all did everything from hauling equipment [to] holding mics," Johns says.

When asked by Mort if she has any advice for a new filmmaker, Johns believes it is most important to "find the people whose work you admire and make connections."

Connection building may be one of the local film community's biggest strengths. Though many filmmakers in Eugene act as a sort of one-person band — part producer, part actor, even part puppeteer — it is the sense of collaboration that makes Eugene's growing film industry one to watch. ■

BULLETIN BOARD

Announcements

EUGENE SEX ADDICTS ANONYMOUS
Helpline Recording (541-342-5582). For meetings & information: www.eugene-saa.org

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Contact the Out Of The Fog meeting of Marijuana Anonymous - (541) 556-0877.

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Lost & Found

REWARD For The Return of My Bicycle Which Was Stolen On December 27 Off the River Road Pedestrian/Bike Path Between Merry Lane and Maynard. Was A Black Mens Frame 60's 3 Speed with a Sears logo on front of frame but actually from Austria. Hub engraved with 69. Distinctive welding where the frame meets the seat post. Not original handlebars. 26 inch wheels. My bicycle was my everything and my lifeline to the world. Priceless. Please contact EW office if you see it and find it. Blessings.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR LANE COUNTY Juvenile Department In the Matter of JEFFERI SIERRA NICOLE ASHLOCK, A Child. Case No. 20JU00807 PUBLISHED SUMMONS TO: Carel Danial Ashlock aka Carel Daniel Ashlock IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON: A petition has been filed asking the court to terminate your parental rights to the above-named child for the purpose of placing the child for adoption. YOU ARE REQUIRED TO PERSONALLY APPEAR BEFORE the Lane County Juvenile Court at 2727 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Eugene, OR 97401, on the 4th day of February, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. to admit or deny the allegations of the petition and to personally appear at any subsequent court-ordered hearing. YOU MUST APPEAR PERSONALLY IN THE COURTROOM ON THE DATE AND AT THE TIME LISTED ABOVE. AN ATTORNEY MAY NOT ATTEND THE HEARING IN YOUR PLACE. THEREFORE, YOU MUST APPEAR EVEN IF YOUR ATTORNEY ALSO APPEARS. This summons is published pursuant to the order of the circuit court judge of the above-entitled court, dated October 12, 2020. The order directs that this summons be published once each week for three consecutive weeks, making three publications in all, in a published newspaper of general circulation in Lane County, Oregon. Date of first publication: 01/07/21. Date of last publication: 01/21/21. NOTICE READ THESE PAPERS CAREFULLY IF YOU DO NOT APPEAR PERSONALLY BEFORE THE COURT AS DIRECTED ABOVE, THEN YOU MUST APPEAR ON FEBRUARY 18, 2021 AT 10:00 A.M. AT THE SAME ADDRESS LISTED ABOVE. IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR FOR BOTH OF THESE DATES OR DO NOT APPEAR AT ANY SUBSEQUENT

COURT-ORDERED HEARING, the court may proceed in your absence without further notice and TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS to the above-named child either ON THE DATES SPECIFIED IN THIS SUMMONS OR ON A FUTURE DATE, and may make such orders and take such action as authorized by law. RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS (I) YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO BE REPRESENTED BY AN ATTORNEY IN THIS MATTER. If you are currently represented by an attorney, CONTACT YOUR ATTORNEY IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIVING THIS NOTICE. Your previous attorney may not be representing you in this matter. IF YOU CANNOT AFFORD TO HIRE AN ATTORNEY, and you meet the state's financial guidelines, you are entitled to have an attorney appointed for you at state expense. TO REQUEST

APPOINTMENT OF AN ATTORNEY TO REPRESENT YOU AT STATE EXPENSE, YOU MUST IMMEDIATELY CONTACT the Lane County Juvenile Department, 2727 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Eugene, Oregon 97401, phone number 541/682-4754, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. for further information. IF YOU WISH TO HIRE AN ATTORNEY, please retain one as soon as possible and have the attorney present at the above hearing. If you need help finding an attorney, you may call the Oregon State Bar's Lawyer Referral Service at (503) 684-3763 or toll free in Oregon at (800) 452-7636. IF YOU ARE REPRESENTED BY AN ATTORNEY, IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH YOUR ATTORNEY AND TO KEEP YOUR ATTORNEY ADVISED OF YOUR WHEREABOUTS. (2) If you contest the

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Across

- 1 Make like a cricket's legs
- 4 Talk like Cindy Brady
- 8 Georgia senator-elect Jon
- 14 H in Greek
- 15 Peruvian ancestor
- 16 Flat, geometrically
- 17 Canadian equivalent of "American Bandstand" hosted by Alex Trebek in 1963-64
- 19 ___-weensie
- 20 Biblical boats
- 21 1976 trivia show (not the Nickelodeon kids' show) hosted by Trebek
- 23 Bent down
- 25 Place to order a round
- 26 Kilmer of "MacGruber"
- 27 Aromatic compounds
- 29 Reykjavik's country
- 33 Aloe vera yield
- 34 Had some haggis
- 35 Some Spanish titles, for short
- 36 Dallas cager, informally
- 39 1981 game show (not the classic Atari game) hosted by Trebek
- 42 Armani competitor, briefly
- 43 "'Tis a shame"
- 45 Part of TGIF
- 46 Meme response
- 48 Harden, in a way
- 50 "Battleship Potemkin" locale
- 54 "Star Wars" character Solo
- 55 Honey Graham ___ (cereal brand)
- 58 Go in
- 59 Canadian series hosted by Trebek from 1976-1980, featuring professional

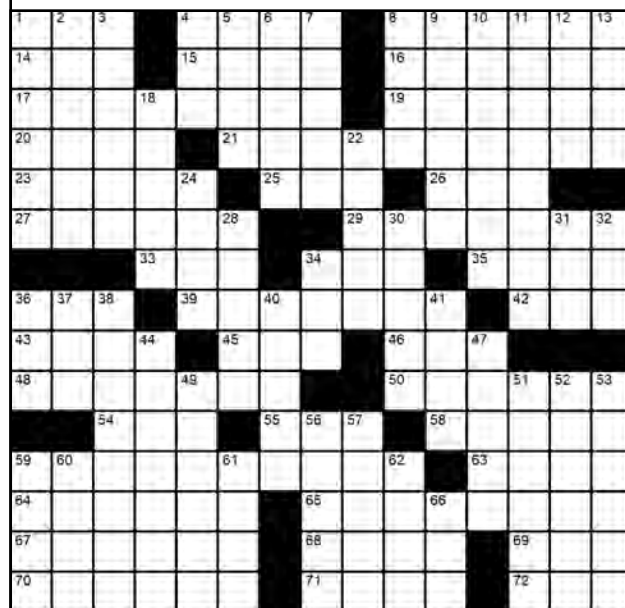
Down

- 1 New version of an old film
- 2 Reversals on the road
- 3 Vessel for thematic gifts
- 4 Permit to drive (abbr.)
- 5 How most TV is broadcast these days
- 6 2020 CGI movie that featured the origin story of
- skaters alongside B-list celebs
- 63 "Aw, heck!"
- 64 Roll in mud
- 65 Emmy-winning game show hosted by Trebek starting in 1984
- 67 Genetic variant
- 68 Tennis player Kournikova
- 69 Abbr. on remotes
- 70 Prepped for serving
- 71 "It's for the ___"
- 72 Ethyl or methyl ending

"Goodbye, Mr. Trebek"

—a retrospective.

- a cartoon canine
- 7 ___ New Guinea
- 8 German car name
- 9 Something a vest lacks
- 10 Casual footwear
- 11 Not paid by the hour
- 12 Not rainy
- 13 Duty-___ shop
- 18 "Survivor" locales
- 22 Water filter brand
- 24 Golfing hazard
- 28 Smarten (up)
- 30 String quartet instrument
- 31 "Cherry Wine" rapper
- 32 High-speed internet initials
- 34 "Sing the Sorrow" band
- 36 ___ and cheese
- 37 Start for carte or king
- 38 Wagnerian opera setting
- 40 Test the fit of
- 41 Major vein
- 44 Blood-red
- 47 ___ hand (give help)
- 49 Shoe padding
- 51 "Feed a cold, ___ a fever"
- 52 Forward, as mail
- 53 Sock pattern
- 56 Burqini headpiece
- 57 Segment of a play
- 59 Trade
- 60 Like some tales
- 61 Due
- 62 Seemingly forever
- 66 Butter square



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BY ROB BREZSNY

ARIES (MARCH 21-APRIL 19): As you ripen into a more fully embodied version of yourself, you will summon ever-greater discrimination about where to seek your inspiration. I trust that you will increasingly divest yourself of any tendency you might have to play around with just any old mediocre fire. More and more, you will be drawn to high-quality blazes that provide just the right amount of heat and light — neither too much nor too little. And you will steadfastly refrain from jumping into the flames, as glamorously dramatic as that might seem — and instead be a master of deft maneuvers that enable you to get the exact energy you need.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20): Denstu is a major Japanese advertising agency headquartered in Tokyo. Annually since 1925, its new employees and freshly promoted executives have carried out a company ritual: climbing 12,388-foot-high Mount Fuji, Japan's tallest peak. The theme of the strenuous workout is this: "We are going to conquer the symbol that represents Japan more than anything else. And, once we do that, it will signify that we can do anything." In anticipation of what I suspect will be a year of career gains for you, Taurus, I invite you to do the following: Sometime in the next six weeks, go out in nature and perform an equivalent feat.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20): Today I received a new email from a Gemini friend who lives in London. It was date-stamped January 15, 2015. Weird! In it, she talked about applying for a new job at a publishing company. That was double weird, because February 2015 was in fact the time she had gotten the editing job that she still has. Her email also conveyed other details about her life that I knew to be old history. So why did it arrive now, six years late? I called her on the phone to see if we could unravel the mystery. In the end we concluded that her email had time-traveled in some inexplicable way. I predict that a comparable event or two will soon happen in your life, Gemini. Blasts from the past will pop in as if yesterday were today.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22): Eugene Sue (1804–1857) was a popular French author whose stories often offered sympathetic portrayals of the harsh living conditions endured by people of the lower economic class. Writing generously about those downtrodden folks made him quite wealthy. I'd love to see you employ a comparable strategy in the coming year. What services might you perform that would increase your access to money and resources? How could you benefit yourself by helping and uplifting others?

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22): The beautiful and luxurious fabric known as silk comes from cocoons spun by insect larvae. Sadly for the creatures that provide the raw material, they're usually killed by humans harvesting their handiwork — either by being stabbed or boiled alive. However, there is a special kind of silk in which manufacturers spare the lives of their benefactors. The insects are allowed to mature into moths and escape. I propose that we make them your spirit creatures in the coming weeks. It's an excellent time for you to take an inventory of everything you do and evaluate how well it upholds the noble principle of "Do no harm."

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22): "Any time that is not spent on love is wasted," declared the Italian poet Torquato Tasso. Although I am sympathetic with his sentiment, I can't agree that acts of love are the only things ever worth doing. Sometimes it's healthy to be motivated by anger or sadness or skepticism, for example. But I do suspect the coming weeks will be a favorable time for you to be in intense devotion to Tasso's counsel. All the important successes you achieve will be rooted in an intention to express love and compassion.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22): I heard a story about how a music aficionado took a Zen Buddhist monk to a performance of Beethoven's *Symphony No. 5*. The monk wasn't impressed. "Not enough silence!" he complained. I'm puzzled by that response. If the monk were referring to a busy intersection in a major city, I might agree with him, or the cacophony of a political argument among fanatics on Facebook. But to want more silence in one of history's greatest pieces of music? That's perverse. With this in mind, Libra, and in accordance with astrological omens, I encourage you to seek extra protection from useless noise and commotion during the coming weeks — even as you hungrily seek out rich sources of beautiful information, sound and art.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21): "Some people expend tremendous energy merely to be normal," wrote Scorpio author Albert Camus. If you're one of those folks, I'm happy to inform you that you have cosmic permission to relax. The coming weeks will be an excellent time to explore the pleasures of NOT being conventional, standard, ordinary, average, routine, prosaic or common. As you expansively practice non-normalcy, you will enhance your health, sharpen your wits and clarify your decisions.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21): Our lives tend to be shaped by the stories about ourselves that we create and harbor in our imaginations. The adventures we actually experience, the problems we actually face, are often (not always) in alignment with the tales we tell ourselves about our epic fates. And here's the crux of the matter: We can change the stories we tell ourselves. We can discard tales that reinforce our pain, and dream up revised tales that are more meaningful and pleasurable. I believe 2021 will be an excellent time for you to attend to this fun work. Your assignment: Be a self-nurturing storyteller.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19): Capricorn author Edgar Allen Poe named "four conditions for happiness: life in the open air; love of another human being; freedom from all ambition; creation." I'm accomplished in three of those categories, but a failure in being free of all ambitions. In fact, I'm eternally delighted by all the exciting creative projects I'm working on. I'm VERY ambitious. What about you, Capricorn? I'm going to contradict Poe and speculate that your happiness in the coming months will require you to be at least somewhat ambitious. That's what the planetary omens are telling me. So what are the best goals and dreams for you to be ambitious about?

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18): It's time to launch Operation Supple Watchdog. That means you should be tenderly vigilant as you take extra good care of everyone and everything that provides you with meaning and sustenance. It means you should exercise rigorous but good-humored discernment about any oppressive or demeaning ideas that are flying around. You should protect and preserve the vulnerable parts of your life, but do so with tough-minded compassion, not ornery overreactions. Be skeptical, but warm; breezily resilient but always ready to stand up for what's right. (P.S. The better you shield yourself against weird surprises, the more likely it is you'll attract interesting surprises.)

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20): The atoms that compose your body have existed for billions of years. Originally created by a star, they have been part of many forms before you. But they are exactly the same in structure as they have ever been. So in a very real sense, you are billions of years old. Now that you know that, how do you feel? Any different? Stronger? More expansive? More eternal? I bring these thoughts to your attention, Pisces, because 2021 will be an excellent year for you to come to a more profound and detailed understanding of your true nature. I hope you will regularly meditate on the possibility that your soul is immortal, that your identity is not confined to this historical era, that you have been alive and will be alive for far longer than you've been taught to believe.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR LANE COUNTY Probate Department In the Matter of the Estate of SANDRA LEE FLIESBACH, Deceased. Case No. 20PB09115 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the undersigned Personal Representative at 767 Willamette Street, Suite 302, Eugene, Oregon 97401, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the Personal Representative, or the attorney for the Personal Representative, John C. Fisher. Dated and first published on January 14, 2021. /s/ Michael A. Roberts Personal Representative

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR LANE COUNTY Probate Department In the Matter of the Estate of Janne Marie Davis, Deceased. Case No. 21PB00025 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the undersigned Personal Representative at 767 Willamette Street, Suite 302, Eugene, Oregon 97401, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the Personal Representative, or the attorney for the Personal Representative, John C. Fisher. Dated and first published on January 14, 2021. /s/ Terry McLaughlin, Personal Representative

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF JOSEPHINE In The Matter of JESSICA DANIELLE SARMIENTO Petitioner, and XAVIER ORLANDO HEYES PENDERGRASS Respondent. Case No. 20DR14043 SUMMONS DOMESTIC RELATIONS SUIT TO: XAVIER ORLANDO HEYES PENDERGRASS, Respondent. The petitioner has filed a Petition asking for: CUSTODY. If you do not file the appropriate legal paper with the court in the time required (see below), your spouse/partner may ask the court for a judgment against you that orders the relief requested. NOTICE TO RESPONDENT: READ THESE PAPERS CAREFULLY! You must "appear" in this case or the other side will win automatically. To "appear," you must file

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LANE In the Matter of the Estate of BEULAH RUTH HARRINGTON, Deceased. Case No. 21PB00060 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Sandra M. Mitchell has been appointed as Personal Representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the personal representative, c/o Daniel M. Hinrichs, Attorney at Law, 590 Commercial, Coos Bay, OR 97420, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court – Probate Department, Lane County Courthouse, 125 E. Eighth Avenue, Eugene, Oregon 97401, the personal representative, or the attorney for the personal representative, Daniel M. Hinrichs, Attorney at Law, 590 Commercial, Coos Bay, Oregon 97420. Dated and first published: 01/14/21.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LANE Probate Department Case No. 20PB08741 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS In the Matter of the Estate of Louis Clifton Dornhecker, Deceased. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Tracey Ann Dornhecker has been appointed as the personal representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them to the undersigned attorney for the personal representative at 388 State Street, Suite 470, Salem, Oregon 97301, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the personal representative, or the attorney for the personal representative. Dated and first published on December 31, 2020. Tracey Ann Dornhecker Personal Representative David A. Bearman, OSB# 170854, Attorney for Personal Representative, 388 State Street, Suite 470, Salem, Oregon 97301, david@bearmanlawoffices.com, Tel (503) 363-4459, Fax (503) 363-7137. Published December 31, 2020, January 7 and 17, 2021.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LANE PROBATE DEPARTMENT In the Matter of the Estate of: JOHN C. BOBBITT, Deceased. CASE No. 20PB09134 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS (ORS 113.155) NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that John J. Paulson, has been appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of John C. Bobbitt, deceased. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them to the Personal Representative, through his attorney, John A. Hudson, North Bank Law, at 66 Club Road, Suite 200, Eugene, Oregon 97401-2459, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. (Please provide vouchers or documents substantiating any such claim). All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the Personal Representative, or the attorney for the personal representative, whose contact information is as follows: Personal Representative: John J. Paulson, 975 Willagillespie Rd., Ste 202, Eugene, OR, 97401-2104, Phone: 541-484-1881. Attorney for Personal Representative: John A. Hudson, OSB #741498, North Bank Law 66 Club Road, Suite 200, Eugene, Oregon 97401 Tele: (541) 485-0777 Fax: (541) 344-7487. Dated and first published January 14, 2021. /s/ John A. Hudson, OSB #741498, Attorney for Personal Representative

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LANE, John Alvin Porter, Petitioner, and Denise Leann Porter, Respondent. Case No. 20DR15464 SUMMONS FOR FAMILY LAW CASE. To: Denise Leann Porter, Home Address: Unknown, Work Address: None. Your spouse, partner, or child's parent has filed a Petition asking for: Divorce or dissolution of your registered domestic partnership (RDP). NOTICE TO RESPONDENT: READ THESE PAPERS CAREFULLY! You must "appear" in this case or the other side will win automatically. To "appear" you just file a legal paper called a "Response" or a motion. Response forms are available through the court above or online at www.courts.oregon.gov. Talk to a lawyer for information about appearing by motion. Your Response must be filed with the court clerk at the court named above within 30 days of the date of first publication specified herein: 01/14/21, along with required filing fee (go to www.courts.oregon.gov for fee information). It must be in proper form and you must show that the Petitioner's lawyer (or the Petitioner if he or she does not have a lawyer) was formally served with a copy of the Response according to the service rules. Service rules are included in Instructions for Respondents, available at www.courts.oregon.gov. If you have questions, see a lawyer immediately. If you need help finding a lawyer, you can call the Oregon State Bar's Lawyer Referral Service at 503.684.3763 or toll free in Oregon at 800.452.7636, or go to www.oregonstatebar.org. /s/ John Alvin Porter, P.O. Box 1289, Springfield, OR 97477, (503)754-1420. [Attach to Summons per ORS 107.093(5)] NOTICE OF STATUTORY RESTRAINING ORDER PREVENTING DISSIPATION OF ASSETS IN DOMESTIC RELATIONS ACTIONS. REVIEW THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY. BOTH PARTIES MUST OBEY EACH PROVISION OF THIS ORDER TO AVOID VIOLATING THE LAW. SEE INFORMATION ON YOUR RIGHT TO A HEARING BELOW. TO THE PETITIONER AND RESPONDENT: Under ORS 107.093 and UTCR 8.080, neither Petitioner nor Respondent may: **INSURANCE POLICIES:** (1) Cancel, modify, terminate or allow to lapse



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on the other party, whose mailing address and telephone number are: Jennifer M. Schindele, P.O. Box 827, Boise, Idaho 83701. A copy of the Summons and Petition for Divorce can be obtained by contacting either the Clerk of the Court or Bevis, Thiry & Schindele, P.A. at 208-345-1040. If you wish legal assistance, you should immediately retain an attorney to advise you in this matter. Date:12/31/2020, Ada County District Court: /s/Phil McGrane. Typed/printed name: Kristi Weekley, By: /s/Kristi Weekley, Deputy Clerk. JENNIFER M. SCHINDELE ISB #6811, BEVIS, THIRY & SCHINDELE, P.A., 412 E. Parkcenter Blvd., Ste. 211, P.O. Box 827 Boise, Idaho, 83701-0827, Telephone: (208) 345-1040, Facsimile: (208) 345-0365, E-serve: admin@bevislaw.com ATTORNEYS FOR PETITIONER.

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SAVAGE LOVE

Cum Again
BY DAN SAVAGE



As you can see by my signature, Dan, I'm a linguist. On your podcast you frequently ask researchers "whatchyougot" on all kinds of sex- and romance-related questions, I thought maybe you'd be interested in some expertise on linguistic matters, too. And I have some on "cum," "cumming" and (shudder) "cummed." The technical term here used among linguists for this kind of phenomenon is "peeve." Let me clarify, it's not the "cum," "cumming" and "cummed" that's a peeve but the shuddering. You see, the snide sound there is due to the fact that what causes peevers to shudder causes linguists to get interested. The point is language always changes, and linguists are interested in these changes, however much they horrify normal people. (That's our technical term for non-linguists.) Grandparents are forever lamenting about how their grandchildren's generation is ruining the language. Documentation of this phenomenon goes back to the Roman times. And, indeed, generations upon generations of grandchildren turned Latin into Spanish, French, Italian, Portuguese, Romanian, Catalan and a host of lesser known forms of ruination. In terms of the sticky substance at hand (or on hand), cum as a verb and cumming are just alternative spellings, which are common enough for slang. It's slang! You really gonna insist slang follow uptight and buttoned-down spelling rules, Dan? That's just stoopid. Cummed is more interesting — and also causes peevers to shudder — because it's a real change in the language. But why shudder? Why not appreciate it instead? "Cummed" shows us how creative we are with our language, how we play with it and in this case do something useful, differentiating the sublime "got off" (climaxed) from the banal "got there" (arrived).

Don't fall into useless peevish, Dan! You've famously instigated language change. Just ask Rick Santorum, your former college roommate, or the men who've cummed and cummed hard while a nice vagina-haver pegged their ass.

— Michael Newman, Professor of Linguistics and Chair Department of Linguistics and Communication Disorders, Queens College/CUNY

Thank you for taking the time to write, Professor Newman, and please forgive me for peevish you. But the sticky issue for me — if you'll pardon the expression — remains the seemingly unnecessary and arbitrary use of an alternate spelling in this one instance. As I've said before, no one is confused when someone calls a person a "dick" in print, and then goes on to wax poetic about the dick they sucked in the next sentence. If we don't have to spell it "dik" when we're referring to male genitalia — or the genitals of penis-havers — I don't see why "come" needs to be spelled "cum" when referring to someone climaxing or when referring to ejaculate. Of all the words out there with more than one meaning — dick, dong, cock, pussy, beaver, box, crack, rack, sack — why does this one require special linguistic treatment?

Interesting take on cum... as your column ventured into linguistics. How do you feel about "tonite" for "tonight" or "lite" for "light"? Inquiring minds want to know.

— Commonly Used Mutated Spellings

I made inquiries at the website of the world's best dictionary (and best drag name) Merriam-Webster, CUMS, where I learned tonite is "a blasting explosive consisting of a mixture of guncotton with a nitrate" and lite means "made with a lower calorie content or with less of some such ingredient (salt, fat or alcohol) than usual." So you can have dinner tonight and wash it down with something lite, CUMS, but don't have tonite for dinner unless you want to light yourself up.

I basically agree with your views about spelling the verb as "come." However, I think one could be a bit more nuanced about usage here. "Come" is rather polite and could easily be used in a romantic context ("Oh god honey, I'm about to come") whereas "cum" has a definite "let's fuck" feel to it (something not unheard of in your column). Different contexts call for different styles, perhaps. I would also like to make an outright exception for the substance "cum," which I feel should always be spelled with a "u." For the noun, using the "u" hardly seems vulgar at all. One might wonder why cum seems more appropriate for denoting semen. I can think of two good reasons. First, "cum" evokes "scum," which matches the feelings of some (benighted) people that cum is slimy and disgusting. And secondly, the final letters "um" occur in some medical terms — all nouns — which relate to sex, like pudendum, scrotum, rectum, flagellum, perineum. This is a very different association than scum but also seems like part of the story, at least to me.

Hm... I agree that an alternate spelling when referring to ejaculate could be helpful. But context also provides clarity. If a man and/or penis-haver says, "My come was everywhere," no one thinks his/hers/their orgasms are Jesus Christ or dark matter — literally everywhere throughout the universe — but rather that he's/she's/they're exaggerating about the volume of a recent orgasm to make a point about the intensity of pleasure he/she/they derived from it.

I've been a copy editor for 15 years and a Savage Love reader for much longer. I wanted to chime in on fellow Canadian COME's letter about the "come" vs "cum" spelling. I fully agree that as a verb, it should be "come" and "came/coming" instead of "cummed/cumming." But there is a place for "cum": as a noun when referring to the actual gooeey substance (aka semen, ejaculate, spunk, etc). Consider the sentence, "I have come in my mouth." Are you announcing an act of autofellatio (talk about a cumlebrag!), or are you describing a substance someone else left behind? Or, "How did come get on my jacket?" Doesn't that just look like a mistake? Millennials love turning nouns into verbs (adulting!) but I think using "come" as a noun is incorrect. And what about describing something as "cummy"? How would you spell that? Comy? Comey? Perhaps we can all come together on this: "come" for the verb of achieving orgasm; "cum" for the noun that describes the resulting emission.

— Copyeditor Uses Modification For A Noun

Your argument convinced me, CUMFAN. If everyone else agrees to use "come" for the verb, I can swallow "cum" as a noun. The copy editor carries the day!

You were close with your advice to Cabin Fever, the man whose teenager was derailing his sex life, but it was still a miss. Instead of telling his kid to "take a fucking walk," per your advice, he should use the moment to teach. As you said, Dan, even teenage boys realize that happy-and-still-in-love parents are a good thing. So instead of being confrontational, CF and his wife could laugh and pay their son the compliment of being honest: "We enjoy sex but we don't enjoy it with you in the next room any more than you enjoy hearing it." Then come up with someplace for him to go for a few hours that HE wants to go to and make it happen. By being upfront they'll be modeling healthy adult behavior and a healthy and adult approach to problem solving. This is truly an opportunity for good parenting.

— Mom And Dad Are Fucking

While I did advise CF to tell his kid to "take a fucking walk" when mommy and daddy wanted to peg, I expected CF to approach that conversation in a tactful and constructive manner. That said, due to the pandemic, there aren't many places for a kid to go when his parents are fucking. A walk, for now, may be their best option. If CF's family doesn't already have a dog, perhaps they should get one.

To my readers: There are more important things happening in the world right now than disputes over sexual slang, I realize, but I hope today's column was a welcome and fleeting distraction from the news... kinda like that viral video of the sweet guy whose cat won't let him make his audition tape. I am following the news and reacting in real time on Twitter, if you care to hear what I have to say, and like all sane people everywhere I am equal parts furious and mortified. Donald Fucking Trump and every last one of his coconspirators in his family, in his administration and in Congress belong in prison with every last traitor who stormed the U.S. Capitol last week. Impeach the motherfucker again and indict all the motherfuckers already.

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